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Courthouse News.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Issued during January:
Jose Solis and Otilia Camarzo.
Fernando Alcorta and Guadalupe Gonzales.
Virg Croom and Eula Elms.
Henry K. Schultz and Frieda A. Winkler.
Chas. F. Boehme and Alexia W. Ihnen.
Andres Campa and Dolores Rodriguez.
Jesus Gonzales and Epimenia Barron.
Emil G. Barth and Bertha H. Naegelin.
Isabel Reyes and Mrs. Paz Hernandez.
Pedro Romito and Ambrea Lopez.
Pedro Viegas and Libera Dugar.
Alfred J. Stein and Elvie B. Haby.

BIRTHS.

Reported during January:
Aug. 8, daughter to L. H. Saathoff and wife.
Oct. 17, daughter to J. S. Saathoff and wife.
Jan. 1, daughter to P. Y. Fullerton and wife.
Jan. 1, son to Jacob Stein and wife.
Jan. 2, daughter to West Duncan and wife.
Jan. 2, son to Hy. Bohlen and wife.
Jan. 10, [no sex] to C. G. Garcel and wife.
Jan. 14, son to Henry Nester and wife.
Jan. 20, daughter to Fritz Weber and wife.
Jan. 22, son to Adolph Ahr and wife.
Jan. 22, son to Joe Rieber and wife.
Jan. 25, son to Robert Tschirhart and wife.
Jan. 29, daughter to Robt. L. Fitz-Simon and wife.

DEATHS.

Reported during January:
Jan. 6, Trinidad Hernandez, Castroville, Mexican male, 36 years old.
Jan. 16, Julian Guerra, Hondo, Mexican female, 5 years old.
Jan. 24, Edward Goloff, Castroville, white male, 39 years old.
Jan. 26, Alex B. Williamson, Devine, white male, 66 years and 2 months old.
Jan. 27, Edna Redus, Devine, white female, 6 years old.

AUTOMOBILES REGISTERED.

Since last report:
No. 242, Chas. Finger, Hondo, Buick, Jan. 10.
No. 243, Geo. Carle, Hondo, Ford, Jan. 12.
No. 244, Harm Frerichs, Hondo, Paige, Jan. 12.
No. 245, Irving C. Honeyger, Hondo, Ford, Jan. 16.
No. 246, C. J. Bless, Hondo, Buick, Jan. 16.
No. 247, E. G. Haby, Riomedina, Ford, Jan. 22.
No. 248, H. F. Woods, Hondo, Hudson, Jan. 28.
No. 249, Isaac Wilson, Hondo, Hudson, Jan. 30.
No. 250, F. A. Hicks, Utopia, Maxwell, Feb. 5.
No. 251, Henry Boehme, Riomedina, Maxwell, Feb. 5.

DEEDS FILED.

Geo. Ford and wife to Nora Watson, Dec. 17, 1913, deed to lot 6 and part of lot 7, Mayer addition to Hondo, \$1.00 and love and affection.

Mrs. M. A. Jones to Gustave D. Becker, Dec. 9, 1913, deed to 80 acres out of survey 479 1-3, L. L. Stockman, \$750.

E. W. Day and wife to Maggie Smith, Nov. 14, 1913, deed to 240 acres (an undivided 1-9 interest thereof) out of survey 43, Eliz Hughes, \$1.00.

John Anderson to R. O. Holleron, Dec. 10, 1913, deed to 205 acres out of survey 477, F. J. De Bour, \$4435.

W. H. Bowman to Jim Jones, Dec. 13, 1913, deed to 2 acres out of survey 15, J. Brodhag, \$900.

J. L. Lochridge to Claude Pollard, Dec. 13, 1913, deed to lots 7 and 8, block 37, Natalia, \$87.50.

A. E. Halbardier to Jos. Hans, Dec. 24, 1913, deed to lot 2, block 3, range 5, Castroville, \$350.

Henry Oppelt and wife to Thomas Bendele and wife, Dec. 29, 1913, deed to 223 acres out of survey 10, J. H. Isbell, also an undivided 1/4 interest in 464 acres out of surveys 41 and 39, John Sharp and M. L. Torres, \$7000.

Thos. Bendele and wife to Henry Oppelt and wife, Dec. 29, 1913, deed to 260 acres out of survey 469, heirs of Jno. Keppier, \$9000.

J. S. and D. H. Fly to H. H. Crow, Dec. 30, 1913, deed to lot 10 and W. 1/4 of lot 9, block or letter E, Fly addition to Hondo, \$377.50.



POWER OF COMPETITION

Free Port and Independent Steamship Line Among Important Achievements of the Year.

BY ED. S. HUGHES.

COMPETITION is the most powerful factor in commerce and is the most successful agency in empire building. Whenever it is stimulated prosperity abounds and when it is stifled progress is blighted. It is the only sovereign that sits upon a world throne and rules on land and sea. Proud vessels that majestically sail the deep and hurl defiance at governmental rate-makers will dip their flags at the appearance of this invisible monarch of the world's traffic.

The greatest event in the commercial life of the State during the past year was the establishment of an independent steamship line, managed by Texas merchants, plying between New York and Freeport, and the establishment of a free port where the commerce of nations can pass to and from this country without paying toll to private enterprise. Its effect upon commerce will be international and the lowering of rates has extended the trade territory of Texas jobbers hundreds of miles into the interior.

The Texas jobbers purchase from the Atlantic seaboard markets approximately \$250,000,000 of merchandise per annum and the larger volume moves via the steamship lines. An increase in freight rates not only serves to reduce the profits of the jobbers but contracts the trade territory of the Texas dealers. There is no event quite so certain—not excluding death and taxes—as an increase in freight rates when no independent steamship line is in the field and the new steamship company is rendering all the people of Texas an inestimable service by holding down the rates.

A free port injects into the marine affairs of Texas an element of competition much needed in water traffic. It is more than a business device to fight competitive ports—it is progress. The improvement of the harbor and port facilities at Freeport which can be completed to accommodate twenty-five-foot vessels at an estimated expenditure on the part of the Federal Government of \$300,000 will perpetuate competition in ports and competition in ocean trade. No more profitable investment can be made and no greater aid rendered the public.

Riomedina Roundups.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Leibold and daughter, Miss Nora, of Dunlay visited relations at Haby Settlement this week.

Willie Bendele of Francisco spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother, Albert Bendele Jr.

Henry Boehme returned from San Antonio few days ago with a new Maxwell car.

Miss Meda Haby of Castroville spent several days in this vicinity, the guest of Miss Alma Lieber.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Balzen of Quihi were here one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carson are visiting relatives at MacDona this week.

F. A. Burrell and wife of Helotes paid a short visit here a few days ago.

Mrs. Armin Boehme and son, Henry, were Lacoste visitors one day this week.

Ed Seekatz spent several days in the Alamo City.

Mrs. Aug. Tschirhart Jr. and baby of Castroville are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kauffmann.

February 9, 1914.

Epworth League Program.

Sunday, Feb. 15, 1914.
Leader, Rev. M. K. Fred.

Voluntary.

Gloria Patri.

Subject: The Rule of Golden Character.

Scripture: Deut. XXII, 1-4; Matt. VII, 12.

Prayer.

Leader's remarks.

Song No. 132.

"Jonathan's Treatment of David," (I Sam. XX, 1-4), by V. A. Crow.

"Joseph's Treatment of His Brethren," (Gen. XIV, 1-24), by P. L. Crain.

Special music, by Robert Calaham and Miss Verna Mae Hudspeth.

"David's Treatment of Saul," (I Sam. XXIV, 1-8; XXVI, 5-12), by Miss Ottice Fred.

Vocal solo, by Miss Abbie Bradley.

"Ruth's Treatment of Naomi," (Ruth I, 14-18), by Miss Emma Neuman.

Select reading, by Mr. Louis Carter.

Announcements.

Closing song, "God be With You Til We Meet Again".

League benediction.

Money Loaned.

6 per cent loans on farms, orchard lands, city residence or business property to buy, build, improve, extend or refund mortgages or other securities; terms reasonable, special privileges; correspondence invited.

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Commissioners' Court.

Commissioners' Court convened here Monday for the regular February term. Present were: Commissioners Brucks, Tschirhart, Grant and Ney and the usual officers.

From the proceedings we condense the following:

The report of the Treasurer of the school funds of Medina County for the year ending August 31, 1913, was examined and approved.

The said report shows the following, state and county available fund:

Total receipts, including balance.....	\$25,032.10
Total disbursements.....	20,602.77
Local maintenance fund:	
Total receipts.....	\$5,068.31
Total disbursements.....	2,898.85
Balance on hand August 31, 1913.....	2,169.46

The report of the Treasurer of the school funds of Hondo Independent District was approved. The report shows:

Total receipts State and County available fund.....	\$4,524.83
Disbursements.....	4,337.04
Balance on hand Aug. 31, 1913.....	187.79

Total receipts from local fund.....	2,439.75
Disbursements.....	2,435.00
Balance on hand August 31, 1913.....	4.75

Outstanding bonded indebtedness Hondo Independent District..... \$15,500.00

Assessed value of property in district..... \$1,343,910.00

Maintenance tax..... 25c

Bond tax..... 12c

The Treasurer's quarterly report was examined and approved. The said report shows:

Balance in General Fund, Feb. 11th.....	\$2,931.36
Balance in the Road Fund, Feb. 11th.....	6,650.86
Balance in Devine road fund, Feb. 11th.....	14,621.13
Balance in Special Fund, Feb. 11th.....	29,400.00

Total cash on hand..... \$53,603.35

The assets of the county are as follows:

37 Bridge bonds.....	\$18,500.00
8 Devine school bonds.....	4,000.00
5 Brown Co. road bonds.....	5,000.00
2 Dimmitt Co. road bonds.....	2,000.00
3 Plano Water Works Bonds.....	1,500.00

Total.....	\$31,216.53
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Bonded indebtedness:

37 Medina Co. Bridge Bonds.....	\$18,500.00
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80 Devine Road Bonds.....	40,000.00
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County Warrants are at par.

Vouchers were cancelled for payments since Oct. 1, 1913, as follows:

General fund.....	\$3,660.45
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Road fund.....	2,112.85
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Devine road fund.....	4,785.40
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In the matter of petition of C. J. Bless, et al, for second-class road to begin at S. W. corner of survey 177 and S. E. corner of survey 173, thence south along line of surveys 174 and 176 to S. W. corner of survey 176 and S. E. corner of survey 174, was by the court postponed for investigation.

The court is still in session as we go to press.

Poll Tax Payments.

The following are the poll tax payments for 1913 by precincts:

NO. AND NAME OF PRECINCT	RECEIPTS ISSUED
1. North Hondo.....	160
2. Quihui.....	128
3. Dunlay.....	42
4. Verdina.....	22
5. San Geronimo.....	60
6. Castroville.....	160
7. D' Hanis.....	160
8. Francisco.....	19
9. Coal Mine.....	28
10. East Devine.....	78
11. Black Creek.....	30
12. Yancey.....	79
13. Maverick.....	26
14. Briar Branch.....	38
15. Lacoste.....	83
16. South Hondo.....	198
17. Upper Hondo.....	15

The Fact Remains

No amount of misrepresentation by the peddlers of alum baking powders, no juggling with chemicals, or pretended analysis, or cooked-up certificates, or falsehoods of any kind, can change the fact that

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The Temple Of The Soul.

Souls are built as temples are—
Sunken deep, unseen, unknown,
Lies the sure foundation stone;
Then the courses framed to bear
Lift the cloisters pillars fair,
Last of all the airy spire,
Soaring heavenward, higher and higher,
Nearest sun and nearest star.

Souls are built as temples are—
Inch by inch in gradual rise
Mount the layered masonries.
Warring questions have their day,
Kings arise and pass away,
Laborers vanish one by one,
Still the temple is not done,
Still completion seems afar.

Souls are built as temples are—
Here a carving rich and quaint,
There the image of a saint;
Here a deep-hued pane to tell
Sacred truth or miracle;
Every little helps the much,
Every careful, careless touch
Adds a charm or leaves a scar.

Souls are built as temples are—
Based on truth's eternal law,
Sure and steadfast, without flaw,
Through the sunshine, through the
snows.

Up and on the building goes;
Every fair thing finds its place,
Every hard thing lends a grace,
Every hand may make or mar.

Susan Coolidge.

PASTIME diversions is usually time lost!

QUESTION of the hour—how's your vaccination?

No, son; killing time never bagged any game!

A sharp tongue seldom cleaves a way to popularity!

MEN should strive to make their word valuable—if they expect to be taken at it!

GETTING in on the ground floor doesn't necessarily insure one against a downfall!

There are circumstances under which even the purchase of bananas may be food for thought!

INDICATIONS now are that there will be more political lightning rods set up than Texas will have lightning to go around!

No Sammy; you can't be a self-made man unless you follow your own plan; to copy some other man's is to be an imitation.

If the Pros can turn the Lane and start the Ball to rolling no doubt but what Sparks will begin to fly in Texas politics very soon!

WE look for Lane, Mayes and Cullen Thomas to be a very much disappointed three of a kind after the eliminators have eliminated.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been unable to cure, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for a specimen.

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ANOTHER of our exchanges has found something in these columns deemed of sufficient value to be stolen bodily. Perhaps the value it attached to it should be sufficient consolation to us for these brain children becoming Mavericks.

IT should be kept in mind that Hondo will entertain the annual session of the Texas Dry Farming Congress some time this summer. Our farmers should study dry farming methods and be prepared at that time to give the Congress the benefit of their experiences and successes.

THE bright, cheerful view is always the healthiest. It is not necessary to see everything through rose-colored glasses, for one's daily life has its share of thorns and thistles which can not be imagined away. One must look beyond them and above them, and realizing to the full the blessings that are ours, take less heed of shadows and defects.—Jewish Messenger.

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NERVOUS PEOPLE

are usually thin and easily worried, sleep does not refresh and the system gradually weakens from insufficient nourishment.

Scott's Emulsion corrects nervousness by its force of concentrated medical nourishment—it restores the healthy action of body cells, enriches the blood, sharpens the appetite, and feeds the nerve centres by distributing energy and power all over the body.

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EVERY DRUGIST HAS IT

THERE is a well grounded complaint among resident fruit and vegetable dealers against the street peddlers. It is argued—and justly so—that the resident dealers pay taxes and support churches, schools and other public enterprises—not to mention charities—while the street vendor does none of these and has no interest in the town save to vend his wares and as soon as the demand ceases hunts a new field. But for this the street vendor can not be blamed. He violates no law and merely caters to the demand. Remove the demand and the offending vendors will remove themselves. Therefore, the blame is to be laid to those who patronize them, and it is to these patrons that the resident dealers would appeal. Had you ever thought of it in this light? There is something to think about.

"MAHOMET'S definition of charity," says Irving in his Life of the Prophet, "embraced the wide circle of all possible kindness. Every good act, he would say, is charity. Your smiling in your brother's face is charity; an exhortation of your fellow men to virtuous deeds is equal to alms giving; your putting a wanderer in the right way is charity; your assisting the blind is charity; your removing stones and thorns and other obstructions from the road is charity; your giving water to the thirsty is charity. A man's true wealth hereafter is the good he does in the world to fellow men. When he dies, people would say—What property has he left behind him! But the angles will ask—"What good deeds has he sent before him?"—The Globe.

THE aim of religion should not be to teach people how to die, but rather to teach them how to live. Death is only an unimportant incident in the life of a man. It is life that counts, and life alone. There is no moment more important to you than the moment you are living in now. You can judge the worth of your religion by its effect upon that moment. If it helps you to make the most of it, to utilize its grander opportunities, to live larger and aim higher and serve more, you are fully justified in calling it good. This is the test of all true religion.—Selected.

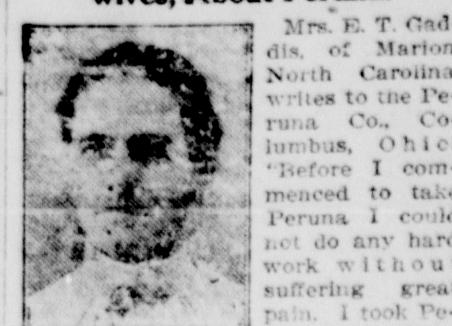
I HAVE, like other people, I suppose, made many resolutions that I have broken or only half kept; but the one which I send you, and which was in my mind long before it took the form of a resolution, it is the keynote of my life. It is this—always to regard as mere impertinences of fate the handicaps which were placed upon my life almost at the beginning. I resolved that they should not crush or dwarf my soul, but rather be made to blossom, like Aaron's rod, with flowers.—Helen Keller in the Christian Commonwealth.

THE dry west winds since the December rains have dried out the surface of the soil and farmers were wanting rain for planting. The drizzle of this week has answered this need and with the good deep season crops should come up and grow off early this spring. The secret of success in dry farming often lies in getting the crop up and matured early before the intense summer heat has dried out the moisture in the soil.

A man that's clean inside and outside; who neither looks up to the rich nor down on the poor; who can lose without squealing, and who can win without bragging; considerate to women, children and old people; who is too brave to lie, too generous to cheat and too sensible to loaf, and who takes his share of the world's goods and lets other people have theirs, is my idea of a true gentleman.—The Globe.

PLAIN TALK

From Two Prosperous Housewives, About Peruna.



Mrs. E. T. Gaddis of Marion, North Carolina, writes to the Peruna Co., Columbus, Ohio:

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THERE is always a certain amount of enchantment about a beautiful character. We all know what it is to meet those whose quality and beauty of character we admire and esteem. How it thrills us with the dignity of its gracious mystery, its rare, delicate sympathy, its natural charm! Everyone in this transitory life of ours has in his or her mind the ideal of what he or she would like to be; and the loftier and nobler the ideal, the more godlike will the character become. Each character with its beautiful thoughts and beautiful actions, is an exquisite proof, a living, practical witness on earth of the power and glory of God. What are the effects of a strong and beautiful character upon those with whom it comes in contact? In the first place, it is the divine inspiration which it continually inspires in the heart of others toward the love of moral beauty. In the second place, it is the example of such a character, with its tremendous influences for good, which cannot be overestimated. It shines forth with radiant beauty like some bright, serene star, guiding with the glory of its light the footsteps of wanderers, lest perchance they stumble through the darkness of the world.—Great Thoughts.

KEEPING up appearances is no sham battle!

WHAT THE KIDNEYS DO

Their Unceasing Work Keeps Us Strong and Healthy.

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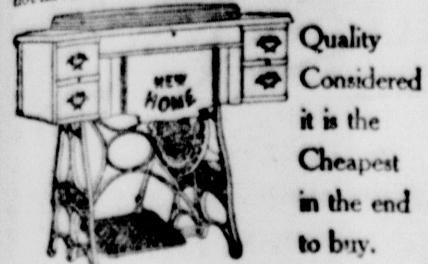
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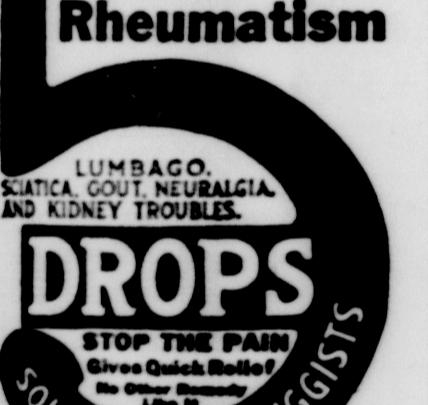
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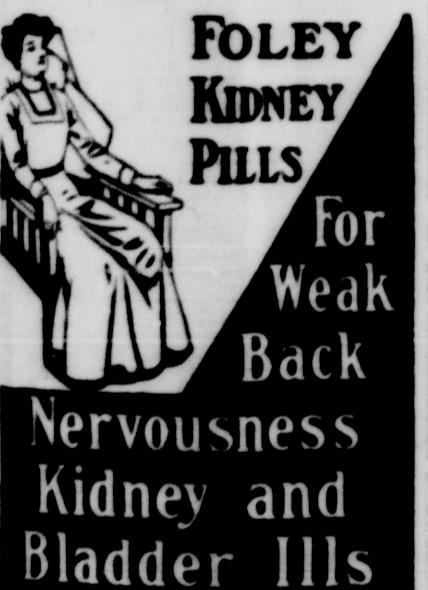
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CASTROVILLE

Anvil Sparks.

This Department is in charge of our Authorized Agent for Castroville, ED H. HUEHNER, Editor

who is authorized to collect and receipt for money due this paper and to whom items intended for this page should be submitted.—Editor.

Mr. E. F. Bippert of the Sauz and daughter-in-law, Mrs. H. J. Bippert, of River returned Monday evening from a several days visit to kinfolks and friends at Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Hy. Vonfle accompanied by Miss Tessie Haas were San Antonio visitors Tuesday, also Mrs. Lucy Scherrer and daughter, Florence, and Miss Pauline Vollmer.

John Saathoff was down from his ranch Wednesday on business bound.

Alex Tondre and Alfred Mann were Hondo visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hans and son, Harry were also Hondo business visitors Thursday.

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Try a bottle of Vinol with the understanding that your money will be returned if it does not help you.

W. H. Windrow, Druggist, Hondo.

Noonan Notes.

Mr. Sam Chambers spent Wednesday in Natalia.

Mrs. John Spencer is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Biggs at Pearsall.

Mrs. George Farris was the guest of Mrs. Hy. Kempf Wednesday evening. Miss Lizzie Kempf is spending a few months with Mrs. Charlie Haas. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Max Koehler Friday, Jan. 30, a baby girl.

Henry Kempf and daughter, Alvina, spent Saturday in Lytle.

The Natalia school had a basket supper Thursday night. A large crowd attended.

Frank Lowe visited Noonan Monday.

Mr. Ed. Pierce and brother, Charlie, visited at Devine.

Willie Rackley and family called at Max Koehler's Sunday.

A large crowd attended the dance at Lacoste Wednesday night. They reported a fine time.

Mr. Jessie Heath and family, Woodson and Harvey Green and Alvina Kempf were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Farris and family Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Heath spent Monday with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jessie Heath. Feb. 6, 1914.

Feeble Miserable?

Out of sorts, depressed, pain in the back—Electric Bitters repairs your health and strength. A guaranteed Liver and Kidney remedy. Money back if not satisfied. It completely cured Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Iowa, who suffered from "virus" liver trouble for eight months. After four doctors gave up, he took Electric Bitters and is now a well man. Get a bottle to day; it will do the same for you. Keep in the house for all liver and kidney complaints. Perfectly safe and dependable. Its results will surprise you. 15c and \$1.00. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia & St. Louis.

Fire Destroys D' Hanis Barn.

D' Hanis, Tex., Feb. 8.—The large barn belonging to Mrs. Ignatz Decker with contents was destroyed by fire Friday night. The barn contained several tons of hay and 300 bushels of corn and also several implements. Neighbors awoke the family about 2 a. m. only to see the last of the barn falling in and too late to save anything from the flames.—San Antonio Express.

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ACTUAL COST OF MAKING COTTON

Interesting Letter From Owners of 6,000 Acres in Cotton Shows the Cost of Production Under Favorable Conditions.

The land of the Coleman-Fulton Pastures Co., in Aransas and San Patric Counties, is commonly called the Taft Ranch. On this ranch are six thousand acres in cotton. The planting, cultivating, picking and ginning of this cotton are under the supervision of Mr. Chas. H. Alvord, formerly of A. & M. College of Texas—a recognized authority in practical cotton growing. A strict cost system is maintained on the Taft Ranch and Mr. Alvord's letter on the cost of producing cotton may be regarded as stating fact only. His letter follows:

My Dear Mr. Yearly:
I regret that I cannot give you at this time the definite information as to the cost of producing cotton on our ranch this year, but this would hardly be satisfactory, if I could, as this has been an exceptionally good year for us, probably much above the average. I am very confident that where a very accurate account is kept of all expenses, including depreciation, with varying climatic conditions and loss, incident to insect devastation that cotton cannot be produced for less than ten cents per pound, and in many instances per pounds considerably more than this. I will state the difference in the cost of production depending more upon the yield of cotton than upon the cost of labor, seed, etc. On four of our farms, varying from one thousand to eighteen hundred acres each, I find that the total expenses per acre (1913), not including interest on rent carried, was \$22.19, \$21.48, \$25.19 and \$23.09 respectively.

The first one mentioned, the expenses were listed as follows:

Labor	\$12.87
Feed	4.15
Supplies and Repairs	.68
Postage	.74
Utilities	.15
Depreciation on Stock and Equipment	1.00
Overhead Expenses, Supervising, etc.	1.70

This farm was operated as economically as any farm could be. Kept up in proper condition and, of course, you understand that every minute's time of labor and every expense was charged against it. It was add to this, a rent charge of \$5.00 per acre, which is very small for land worth as much as this. It would make the cost per acre about \$27.19. If the farmer was fortunate enough to produce one-half a bale of cotton per acre, the cost would be approximately ten cents per pound. The Agricultural Reports show the average production of cotton is much less than one-half a bale per acre, and of course the cost would increase as the production decreases.

I am firmly convinced that cotton cannot be produced year after year for a fixed cost for less than ten cents per pound, and in many instances the cost will exceed this.

Respectfully,
(Signed) CHAS. H. ALVORD.
Portland, Tex., Dec. 22, 1913.

The Taft Ranch has every advantage in producing cotton at a low cost. They plant their cotton in the best soil in Texas; they have every modern machinery for planting, preparing the soil and cultivation; they have their own ginnery; they pay but \$1.00 per day for labor; picking costs them only 40 cents to 60 cents per hundred. In fact the record shown in the above letter might fairly be said to be a demonstration of how cheap cotton can really be made under the most favorable circumstances.

Mr. Alvord puts the rental charge at \$5.00 per acre, though their land is easily worth \$100.00 per acre. Even then, he states that on their best farm, he must make $\frac{1}{2}$ bale to the acre in order to get the cost down to 19 cents. What about the farmer who has not the advantage of cheap labor, fine land, his own ginnery, whose picking costs 75 cents. And suppose that he makes but 1-3 of a bale per acre? A production of 1-3 of a bale per acre on the Taft Ranch means a cost of 15 cents per pound. What does it mean on your farm?

The U. S. Government Records show that from 1908 to 1912, inclusive, the yield per acre in Texas was 37-100 of a bale, or 185 pounds per acre. If cotton costs 10 cents on a yield of $\frac{1}{2}$ bale per acre, on 37-100 yield, cotton costs 13.5 cents. Figure it out for yourself, look up your records and consider how much you have lost in the last five years.

How to Market Their Cotton For a Profit seems to puzzle a majority of the farmers. But the solution is very simple. Have not the cotton buyers and speculators sold their cotton at great profits for years and years? Undoubtedly. How do they do it?

Cotton speculators have a very simple plan, feasible on account of the fact that, when offered by anybody but a farmer, cotton is regarded as the best collateral security behind a loan. The banks of the South loan money to the cotton buyer to pay for the cotton, the cotton standing as security. The buyers sell the cotton to speculators who borrow from European banks and repay the local bank. The cotton is shipped to Europe and is the collateral that secures the money which pays for it. The speculator must put up a certain margin to secure the bank against the market. When cotton becomes scarce the speculator sells to the mills at such a price as would have easily netted the farmer 15 cents.

The Southern States Cotton Corporation is an association for the purpose of marketing cotton. It has European connections by which it can handle any amount of cotton. It can get as good a price for cotton as any speculator. But this corporation is owned by farmers, they represent the majority of the stockholders. Its plan is to pay the farmer 15 cents. But to get 15 cents, the farmer must wait like the speculator, and must maintain a margin, in cotton, of 25%.

If farmers want to market their own cotton through their own association, at a profitable price, they have the opportunity. If they want to continue to give their cotton to the speculator and let him make the profits, the farmers can do that by simply continuing to sell their cotton to the buyer just as they have always done.

W. B. YEARY,
Farmersville, Tex.



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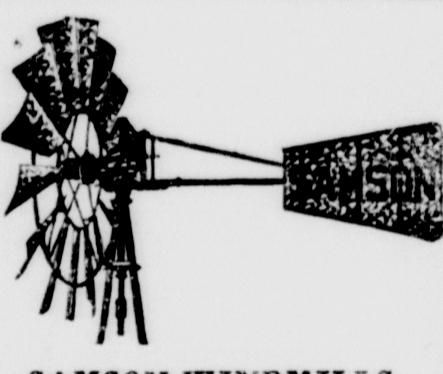
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For flesh wounds of all kinds, it is a wonderful remedy. Try it for cuts, burns, bruises, sores, galls, chafed spots, barbed wire, sprains, swellings, frost bites. It cures quickly and completely.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Get it at Windrow's. Land? land? See Hondo Land Co. Cleaning and Pressing at City Tailor Shop.

A nice rain fell here Wednesday night.

It is in order now to clean up your premises.

J. D. Burgin was a passenger east yesterday.

Box candy—all sizes and prices—at Hutzler's.

Order your next suit from the City Tailor Shop.

For all kinds of nuts go to Hutzler's confectionery.

Jim Goff was a passenger to San Antonio Thursday.

C. M. Griffith was a business caller at this office Thursday.

Miss Mary Kempf was a passenger to San Antonio Friday.

C. A. Johnson is building a new residence just west of town.

Corn planting time is here and the planters will soon be busy.

Buy your feed from the Hondo Commission Co. Telephone 265.

Miss Hilda Fuos of San Antonio is a late addition to our band of readers.

A San Antonio Business College Scholarship for sale at this office, t.f.

Try the Anvil Herald one year for one dollar—less than two cents a week.

The Star Theatre reports a full house Tuesday night at its special feature show.

Mrs. Seraphin Keller and children are back from a visit to relatives on the Francisco.

R. E. Bohmfalk and son, Fritz, made an overland trip to San Antonio one day last week.

Wanted. Several cars of sorghum hay. Ring up Tom Heath at either telephone 205 or 90.

E. G. Garwood was out from San Antonio Thursday and delivered S. A. Jungman's Ford roadster.

Guy Weldon came in Thursday from a several months' absence which he has spent at Pittsburg, Texas.

Now Laugh! Because you can come to the Racket store and get what you want in dress goods, laces and Embroideries.

Eugen Hesser this week received a car load of three Case automobiles, two of which he sold some time ago to the Haegelin Bros.



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When you wish to purchase a new Watch or piece of Jewelry remember we have a large stock of standard goods and give us a call.

V. A. Crow

Cleaning, pressing and laundry call for and delivered. Phone 179. S. G. Carter.

For Sale—An 8-horse power Atlas engine and one blacksmith forge. Have been used only a short time. Paul Weynard. 23-41

Attention is called to the card of the Star Tin & Plumbing Co. Mr. Henry C. Schroeder is the manager and so incites a share in your trade.

For All Kinds Of DRAYAGE

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No line of Motor Cars at any price can show more value than will be found in the Buick for 1914.

Every time tried feature is retained and such new ones as have demonstrated their worth have been added.

The Famous Overhead Valve Motor will continue to demonstrate itself as the greatest power producer ever used in an automobile.

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You will never regret ordering your tailor made clothes from S. G. Carter.

For Sale—A hot water heater and tank. Apply to Beal Bros. Barber shop.

Spring and summer line is now ready for your inspection. S. G. Carter, Tailor.

Phone 125, the City Tailor Shop, when your clothes need cleaning or pressing.

For best cleaning and pressing have your work done at S. G. Carter's. Phone 179.

The Hondo Commission Co. handles all kinds of feed. Let them supply your wants.

Valentines, Valentines, now at Windrow's, come and get your choice before the best ones are sold.

A marriage license was issued to Mr. Christian E. Nienhoefner and Miss Minnie B. Leinweber Saturday.

A marriage license was issued to Mr. Frank Schwindermann and Miss Rosa Naegelin, young people of the Medina, Monday.

Now Laugh! Because you can come to the Racket store and get what you want in dress goods, laces and Embroideries.

Mrs. Regina Huegele returned to her home at Devine yesterday after a two weeks' visit to her daughter, Mrs. Henry Batot, and family.

Louis Britsch was a business caller at this office Tuesday. Mr. Britsch reported his fruit trees in bloom and fears the frost has killed his crop of fruit.

Following some exceedingly warm weather, a norther began blowing last Friday and by Saturday morning the thermometer registered the lowest this winter, 24 degrees.

See L. Barrientes & Sons for fresh fruit and vegetables. Delivery made to any part of the city. Phone 200. We also pay the highest market price for butter and eggs.

For Sale, A few settings of eggs from a select mating of pure blooded Barred Plymouth Rocks at \$1.50 per setting of 15. File your orders early at the Anvil Herald office.

Lost—A sorrel bald-face mare, about 3 years old, 15 hands high, branded B L with ear underneath, blind in one eye. Notify Louis Schreers, Dunlay, Texas, or ring phone 99, 2-1.

The Prohibition Democrats will hold a county convention today at two o'clock at the court house to elect delegates to the state convention to be held at Ft. Worth February 21st.

We are authorized to state that the entertainment that was to have been given at the Auditorium tonight for the benefit of the Christian church has been postponed until some time next week. Watch for dodgers announcing the exact date.

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet at the Methodist church next Monday, February 16th, at 3 o'clock p.m.

Each member is requested to come prepared to respond to roll call with some bit of Missionary news, either home or foreign.

August Tschirhart, who was here attending Commissioners' Court, was taken seriously ill Tuesday night and his son was summoned from Castroville. Mr. Tschirhart had sufficiently improved to be back in the court Friday and his son returned home.

We have enlarged our shop and put in another forge and will be able from now on to give quicker service than heretofore. From Monday January 26th, the price on horseshoeing will be \$1.00 for new and 80¢ for re-setting. Give us a call. L. A. Mechler & Co.

Editor Harold Baldwin and family came over from Sabinal Saturday in their automobile and were guests of J. N. Dowdy and family. Mr. Baldwin returned Sunday afternoon but Mrs. Baldwin and baby remained here as guests of Mrs. Dowdy until Wednesday.

On Tuesday, February 10th, Messrs. P. L. Crain and Elmer de Montel delightedly entertained Misses Verna Mae Hudspeth, Ethel Rogers, Johanna Rothe and Evelyn de Montel, four members of the 1914 Senior Class, with a "line" party at the Star, which was followed by a Tango Tea at Fritz's.

The valuable Jersey cow belonging to August Hornung died very suddenly last Monday afternoon. This cow probably held the state's best record for both quantity and quality of milk yield and a heifer calf was sold from her only recently for \$100. She leaves a baby male calf. The death of this valuable animal is a heavy loss to Mr. Hornung as money can not replace her equally.

Messrs. Henry Bendele, Jack Biltz, G. W. Fant and Mr. Neal held a Farmers' Union rally at the local union hall here Friday. This was one of a week's series of meetings held over the county by these gentlemen, and while the meeting here was lightly attended, they reported a splendid reception all over the county and much interest manifested in the work of the union.



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Proprietors.

The Anvil Herald does job printing. Cigars and smoking tobacco at Fritz Heyen's.

Fresh fruits of all kinds at Hutzler's confectionery.

W. E. Clark came in yesterday from Sabinal on business.

Misses Nettie and Pearl Newton were passengers east yesterday.

Henry Reus and Mr. Geiger were here yesterday from Lacobie on business.

My motto is to please and I appreciate your business. S. G. Carter, the tailor.

Mrs. H. J. Meyer entertained the Ladies' Club at a high-five party Tuesday afternoon.

When you need the services of a Notary Public call at the Anvil Herald office or ring telephone 1-1.

Mrs. D. B. McManus is here from Thomaston on a visit to her parents, Capt. and Mrs. C. W. Stone.

Mrs. Ida Bischoff and Mrs. Pat Dillon and children returned to Dunlay Saturday after a brief visit to relatives here.

Now Laugh! Because you can come to the Racket store and get what you want in dress goods, laces and Embroideries.

Lost. Two small white pigs, male and female. A liberal reward will be paid for their return to Clarence Ware, Hondo, Texas. 4-1.

For first class cleaning and pressing phone the City Tailor Shop, Phone 125, we will call for your clothes and deliver them promptly.

A Bargain. A 7-room house, closet, bath and barns, large ground, also two cottages for sale cheap within the next 30 days. W. B. Odom. 4-1.

"The Winning of Latane Cashton", an interesting play, will be given by local talent at the Auditorium in the near future for the benefit of the Mother's Club. Prof. A. F. Serafine is managing the play. Watch for the date.

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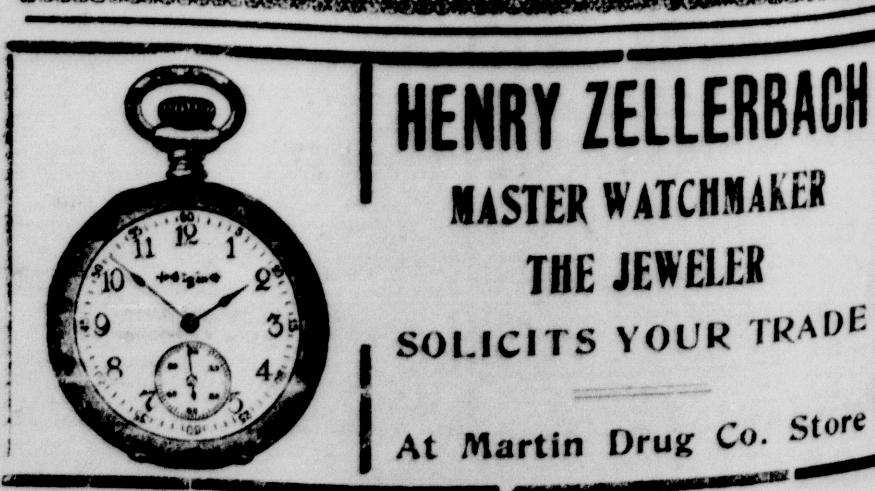
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PERSONALS

Try our job printing. This paper only \$1.00 a year. Try it. Come to Windrow's for your Valentine post cards.

Charles Dumont was a passenger to Antonio Tuesday.

All kinds of cakes, candies and other confections at Heyen's.

Valentines from 1c to \$2.00 each at Windrow's Drug Store.

Peter Koch Jr. and Dr. Norton were here from D'Hanis Tuesday.

The best paper for local and county news—that's the Anvil Herald.

A fine boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. Muenink, Friday, February 6th.

Henry Gerdes of El Paso is a late addition to our growing subscription list.

Cotton shipments had reached 7887 bales up to Thursday night of this week.

A large new assortment of valentines and birthday post cards at Windrow's Drug Store.

A number of second hand cars for cheap. See them at the Hondo Sales Co. garage.

Avoid sickness by having correct lighting about your premises and let Philip Karrer do the work.

Lost, a blue serge coat. Finder will leave it at the Hondo Mercantile store or notify Isaiah Franklin.

Now Laugh! Because you can come to the Racket store and get what you want in dress goods, laces and Embroideries.



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For sanitary plumbing see Philip Karrer.

All kinds of fruit in season at F. A. Heyen's.

Fresh Grape Fruit and Pine Apples at Heyen's.

Box Apples, \$2.00 to \$2.75 per box at F. A. Heyen's.

Make your real estate wants known to us. Hondo Land Co.

The paper that has something to read in it—the Anvil Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Eckhart were here from the ranch Saturday.

A. E. Harper returned the first of the week from a two weeks' trip to Bandera.

We can print most any thing in the job printing line. Get the Anvil Herald's prices.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Walker were here Monday from San Antonio, guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Walker.

All kinds of roofing, guttering, tanks, and other tin and sheet metal work done promptly Philip Karrer.

Mrs. Barnes returned to her home in San Antonio Monday after a pleasant visit to her son, T. C. Barnes, and wife.

Mrs. S. H. Wilkerson and children are here on a visit to her sisters, Mesdames Seraphin Keller and A. F. Haas.

Now Laugh! Because you can come to the Racket store and get what you want in dress goods, laces and Embroideries.

Elder L. H. Harboard filled his appointment at the Christian church Sunday, and returned home to San Antonio Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Barnes went to San Antonio Thursday to witness the play, "Every Woman", at the Grand Opera House.

J. F. Breiten was here Monday from Lacoche. Mr. Breiten informed us that he has resigned as section foreman at Noonan.

We wish to go to press with this paper soon after noon on Friday of each week and in order to do so must have copy in early—please.

District Attorney L. J. Brucks returned last week-end from a nearly three weeks' stay at Kerrville where he was attending district court.

Momylk is the best cow feed if you want more milk. Give it a trial. Ring telephone 205 and let the Hondo Commission Co. deliver you a trial order.

For Sale—Rhode Island Red and Buff Orpington Eggs, \$1.00 per setting of 15. Apply to Wm. Eckhart, Dunlay, Texas, or ring Telephone 4, 1 long, 4 shorts, 28-tf.

Mr. and Mrs. T. McClaugherty enjoyed a visit from Mr. McClaugherty's sister, Mrs. Meek Appling, of San Marcos last week. She returned home Monday.

For Sale, A forty-acre farm-lot in Medina Valley, \$50.00 per acre; half cash and balance in one and two years at 8 per cent. Apply to Hondo Land Co., Hondo, Texas.

For Sale or Trade, our entire Livery & Feed Stables in Hondo, Texas. We own the only Livery Stable here and it will make a good business for some one. McClaugherty & Horger.

Miss Mary Martin resigned as teacher of the fifth grade in the Hondo Public School and left Thursday for her home at Goliad. Miss Annie Spencer has been elected to take her place.

Mrs. E. Richter has begun the erection of a ten room two-story annex to her hotel. The building will face Center street, opposite the home of M. Rath. Contractor H. F. Woods is doing the work.

The Ladies Cemetery Association will meet at the Methodist church next Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. A full attendance of all members is urged as the annual election of officers will take place at this time.

Mrs. F. J. Leinweber is enjoying a visit from Miss Olga Grobe and Messrs. Felix Grobe and Henry Weiss, all of Fredericksburg. The young men will be here only a few days but Miss Grobe expects to remain several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. McClaugherty, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Horger, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Fly, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Chancey, Miss Georgia Spencer, Miss Hallie Walker, Mrs. Meek Appling and Walter McClaugherty attended the Minot-Johnson nuptials at Sabin Sunday.

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I hereby announce as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer at the November election and solicit the votes and support of all voters.

ELMIL BRITCH.

We are authorized to announce J. G. HEYEN as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Medina County, at the November election.

Sheriff

We are authorized to announce D. B. MARTIN as a candidate for Sheriff of Medina County, at the November election.

County Judge

We are authorized to announce R. J. NOONAN as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Medina County, at the November election.

County Attorney

We are authorized to announce ELMER DE MONTEL as a candidate for the office of County Attorney of Medina County at the November election.

County Clerk

Thanking the voters of Medina County for their support in the past, I hereby announce as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Clerk and again ask for your votes and support for the same at the November election. Respectfully, S. A. JUNGMAN.

Tax Collector

We are authorized to announce JOE NEY as a candidate for the office of Tax Collector of Medina County, at the November election.

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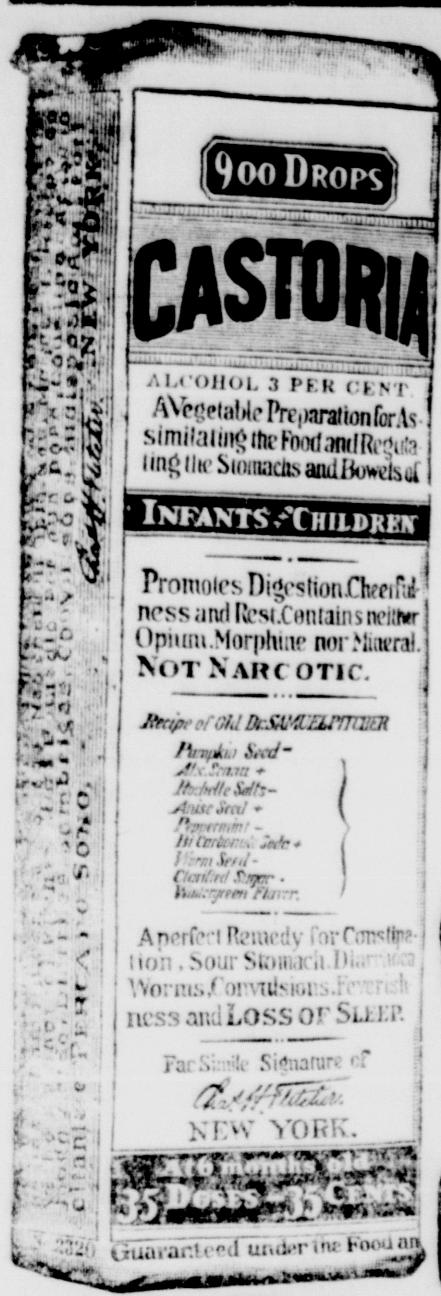
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Sift together, three times, the flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. To the yolks add the sugar, butter and water, and stir into the dry ingredients. Add the whites of the eggs. Divide the mixture into two parts and add the chocolate to one part. Dispose the two parts in a buttered mold to give a marbled appearance. Steam forty-five minutes.



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The VALIANTS of VIRGINIA

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CHAPTER I.

The Crash.
"Fallen!" ejaculated John Valiant blankly, and the hat he held dropped to the claret-colored rug like a huge white splotch of sudden fright. "The Corporation—fallen!"

The young man was the glass of fashion, from the silk ribbon on the spotless Panama to his pearl-gray gauntlets, and well-favored—a lithe stalwart figure, with wide-set hazel eyes and strong brown hair waving back from a candid forehead.

Never had his innocuous and buttery existence known a surprise more startling. He had swung into the room with all the nonchalant habits, the ingrained certitude of the man born with achievement ready-made in his hands. And a single curt statement—like the ruthless blades of a pair of shears—had snipped across the one splendid scarlet thread in the wool that constituted life as he knew it.

He had knotted his lavender scarf that morning a vice-president of the Valiant Corporation—one of the greatest and most successful of modern-day organizations; he sat now in the fading afternoon trying to realize that the huge fabric, without warning, had toppled to its fall.

How solid and changeless it had always seemed—that great business fabric woven by the father he could so dimly remember! His own invested fortune had been derived from the great corporation the elder Valiant had founded and controlled until his death. With almost unprecedented earnings, it had stood as a very Gibraltar of finance, a type and sign of brilliant organization. Now, on the heels of a trust's dissolution which would be a nine-days' wonder, the vast structure had crumbled up like a card-board. The rains had descended and the floods had come, and it had fallen!

The man at the desk had wheeled in his revolving chair and was looking at the trim athletic back blotting the daylight, with a smile that was little short of a covert sneer. He was one of the local managers of the corporation whose ruin was to be that day's sensation, a colorless man who had acquired middle age with his first long trousers and had been dedicated to the commercial treadmill before he had bought a safety-razor. He despised all loafers along the primrose paths, and John Valiant was but a decorative fig urehead.

Valiant started as the other spoke at his elbow. He had come to the window and was looking down at the pavement. "How quickly some news spreads!"

For the first time the young man noted that the street below was still, with a desultory crowd. He distinguished knot of Italian laborers talking with excited gesticulations—smudged plasterer, tools in hand, clerks, some hats and with thin alpaca coats—all peering at the voiceless front of the great building, and, all, he imagined, with a thriving fear in their faces. As he watched, a woman, coarsely dressed, ran across the street, her handkerchief pressed to her eyes.

"The notice has gone up on the door," said the manager. "I sent word to the police. Crowds are ugly some times."

Valiant drew a sudden sharp breath. The corporation down in the mire with crowds at its doors ready to clamor for money entrusted to it, the aggregate savings of widow and orphan, the pitiful hoarded sums earned by labor over which pinched sickly faces had burned the midnight oil!

The older man had turned back to the desk to draw a narrow typewritten slip of paper from a pigeonhole "here," he said, "is a list of the bonds of the subsidiary companies recorded in your name. These are all, of course, engulfed in the larger failure. You have, however, your private fortune. If you take my advice, by the way," he added significantly, "you'll make sure of keeping that."

"What do you mean?" John Valiant faced him quickly.

The other laughed shortly. "A word to the wise," he quoted. "It's very good living abroad. There's a boat leaving tomorrow."

A dull red sprang into the younger face. "You mean—"

"Look at that crowd down there—you can hear them now. There'll be a legislative investigation, of course. And the devil'll get the hindmost." He struck the desk-top with his hand. "Have you ever seen the bills for this furniture? Do you know what that rug under your feet cost? Twelve thousand—it's an old Persian. What do you suppose the papers will do to that? Do you think such things will seem amusing to that rabble down there?" His hand swept toward the window. "It's been going on for too many years, I tell you! And now some one'll pay the piper. The lightning won't strike me—I'm not tall enough. You're a vice-president."

"Do you imagine that I knew these things—that I have been a party to what you seem to believe has been a deliberate wrecking?" Valiant towed over him, his breath coming fast, his hands clenched hard.

"You?" The manager laughed again.

—an unpleasant laugh that scraped the other's quivering nerves like hot sandpaper. "Oh, lord no! How should you? You've been too busy playing polo and winning bridge prizes. How many board meetings have you attended this year? Your vote is proxied as regular as clockwork. But you're supposed to know. The people down there in the street won't ask questions about patent-leather pumps and ponies; they'll want to hear about such things as rotten irrigation loans in the Stony-River Valley—to market an alkali desert that is the personal property of the president of this corporation."

Valiant turned a blank white face. "Sedgwick?"

"Yes. You know his principle: 'It's all right to be honest, if you're not too damn honest.' He owns the Stony-River Valley bag and baggage. It was a big gamble and he lost."

Valiant was staring at the other with a strange look. Emotions to which in all his self-indulgent life he had been a stranger were running through his mind, and outre passions had him by the throat. Fool and doubly blind!

A poor pawn, a cat's paw raking the chestnuts for unscrupulous men whose ignominy he was now called on, perforce, to share!

In his pitiful egotism he had consented to be a figurehead, and he had been made a tool. A red rage surged over him. No one had ever seen on John Valiant's face such a look as grew on it now.

He turned and without a word opened the door. The older man took a step toward him—he had a sense of dangerous electric forces in the air—but the door closed sharply in his face. He smiled grimly. "Not crooked," he said to himself; "merely callow. A well-meaning, maniacal young fool wholly surrounded by men who knew what they wanted!" He shrugged his shoulders and went back to his chair.

Valiant plunged down in the elevator to the street. He pushed past the guard door, and threading the crowd, made toward the curb, where his bulldog, with a bark of delight, leaped upon the seat of a burnished car, rumbling and vibrating with pent-up power. There were those in the jollied anxious crowd who knew whose was that throbbing metal miracle, the chauffeur spick and span from shining cap-visor to polished brown puttees, and recognized the white face that went past, pelted it with muttered sneers. But he scarcely saw or heard them, as he stepped into the seat, took the wheel from the chauffeur's hand and threw on the gear.

He drove mechanically past a hundred familiar things and places, but he saw nothing, till the massive marble fronts of the upper park side ceased their mad dance as the car halted before a tall iron-grilled doorway with wide glistening steps, between windows strangely shuttered and dark.

He sprang out and touched the bell. The heavy oak parted slowly; the confidential secretary of the man he had come to face stood in the gloomy doorway.

"I want to see Mr. Sedgwick."

"You can't see him, Mr. Valiant."

"But I will!" Sharp passion leaped into the young voice. "He must speak to me."

The man in the doorway shook his head. "He won't speak to anybody any more," he said. "Mr. Sedgwick shot himself two hours ago."

CHAPTER II.

Vanity Valiant.

"The witness is excused." In the ripple that stirred across the court room at the examiner's abrupt conclusion, John Valiant, who had withstood that pitiless hall of questions, rose, bowed to him and slowly crossed the cleared space to his counsel. The chairman looked severely over his eye-glasses, with his gaze lifted, and a statuesque girl, in the rear of the room, laid her delicately gloved hand on a companion's and smiled slowly without withdrawing her gaze, and with the faintest tint of color in her face.

Katherine Fargo neither smiled nor flushed readily. Her smile was an index of her whole personality, languidly symmetrical, exquisitely perfect. The little group with whom she sat looked somewhat out of place in that mixed assemblage. Smartly groomed and palpably members of a set to whom John Valiant was a familiar, they had had only friendly nods and smiles for the young man at whom so many there had gazed with jaundiced eyes.

To the general public which read its daily newspaper perhaps none of the gilded set was better known than "Vanity Valiant." The new Panhard he drove was the smartest car on the avenue, and the collar on the white bulldog that pranced or dozed on its leather seat sported a diamond buckle.

To the spacewriters of the social columns, he had been a perennial inspiration.

The patterns of his waistcoats, and the splendors of his latest bachelors' dinner at Sherry's—with such items the public had been kept sufficiently familiar. To it he stood a perfect symbol of the elder ease and insolent display of inherited wealth and the great majority of those who had found place in that roomy cham-

ber to listen to the ugly tale of squandered millions, looked to him with a resentment that was sharpened by his apparent nonchalance.

Long before the closing session it had been clear that, as far as indications were concerned, the investigation would be barren of result. Of individual criminality, flight and suicide had been confession, but more sweeping charges could not be brought home. The gilded fool had not brought himself into the embarrassing purview of the law.

The jostling crowd flocked out into the square, among them a fresh-faced girl on the arm of a gray-bearded man in black frock coat and picturesque broad-brimmed felt hat. She turned her eyes to him.

"So that," she said, "is John Valiant! I'd almost rather have missed Niagara Falls. I must write Shirley Dandridge about it. I'm so sorry I lost that picture of him that I cut out of the paper."

"I reckon he's not such a bad lot," said her uncle. He hailed a cab. "Grand Central Station," he directed, with a glance at his watch, "and be quick about it. We've just time to make our train."

Some hours later, in an inner office of a downtown sky-scraper, the newly-appointed receiver of the Valiant Corporation, a heavy, thick-set man with narrow eyes, sat beside a table on which lay a small black satchel with a padlock on its handle, whose contents—several bundles of crisp papers—he had been turning over in his heavy hands with a look of incredulous amazement. A sheet containing a mass of figures and memoranda lay among them.

The shock was still on his face when a knock came at the door, and a man entered. The newcomer was gray-haired, slightly stooped and leanness, with a humorous expression on his lips. He glanced in surprise at the littered table.

"Pargo," said the man at the desk, "do you notice anything queer about me?"

His friend grinned. "No, Buck," he said judicially, "unless it's that necktie. It would stop a Dutch clock."

"Hang the haberdashery! Read this—from young Valiant." He passed over a letter.

Fargo read. He looked up. "Securities aggregating three millions!" he said in a hushed voice. "Why, unless I've been misinformed, that represents practically all his private fortune."

The other nodded. "Turned over to the corporation with his resignation as a vice-president, and without a blessed string tied to 'em! What do you think of that?"

"Think! It's the most absurdly idiotic thing I ever met. Two weeks ago, before the investigation . . . but now, when it's perfectly certain that they can bring nothing home to him—"

He paused. "Of course I suppose it'll save the corporation, eh? But it may be ten years before its securities pay dividends. And this is real money. Where the devil does he come in meanwhile?"

The receiver pursed his lips. "I knew his father," he said. "He had the same crazy quixotic streak."

He gathered the scattered documents and locked them carefully with the satchel in a safe. "Spectacular young ass!" he said explosively.

"I should say so!" agreed Fargo. "Do you know I used to be afraid my Katharine had a leaning toward him. But thank God, she's a sensible girl!"

Dusk had fallen that evening when John Valiant's Panhard turned into a



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cross-street and circled into the yawning mouth of his garage.

A little later, the bulldog at his heels, he ascended the steps of his club, where he lodged—he had disposed of his bachelor apartments a fortnight ago. The cavernous seats of the lounge were all occupied, but he did not pause as he strode through the hall. He took the little pile of letters the boy handed him at the desk and went slowly up the stairway.

He wandered into the deserted library and sat down, tossing the letters on the magazine-littered table. He had suddenly remembered that it was his twenty-fifth birthday.

In the reaction from the long strain he felt physically spent. He thought of what he had done that afternoon with a sense of satisfaction. A reversal of public judgment, in his own case, had not entered his head. He knew his world—its comfortable faculty of forgetting, and the multitude of sins that wealth may cover. To preserve at whatever personal cost the one noble monument his father's

genius had reared, and to right the wrong that would cast its gloomy shadow on his name—that had been his only thought. What he had done would have been done no matter what the outcome of the investigation. But now, he told himself, no one could say the act had been wrung from him.

He smiled—a slow smile of reminiscence—for there had come to him at that moment the dearest of all those memories—a play of his childhood.

He saw himself seated on a low stool, watching a funny old clock with a moon-face, whose smiling lips curved up like military mustachios, and wishing the lazy long hands would hurry. He saw himself stealing down a long corridor to the door of a big room strewn with books and papers, that through some baleful and mysterious spell could not be made to open at all hours. When the hands pointed right, however, there was the "Open Sesame"—his own secret knock, two fierce twin raps, with one little lone-some one afterward—and this was unfailing. Safe inside, he saw himself standing on a big, polar bear-skin, the door tight-locked against all comers, an expectant baby figure with his little hand clasped in his father's. The white rug was the magic entrance to the Never-Never Country, known only to those two.

He could hear his own shrill treble:

"Wishing-House, Wishing-House, where are you?"

Then the deeper voice (quite unrecognizable as his father's) answering:

"Here I am, Master; here I am!"

And instantly the room vanished and they were in the Never-Never Land, and before them reared the biggest house in the world, with a row of white pillars across its front a mile high.

John Valiant felt an odd beating of the heart and a tightening of the throat, for he saw a scene that never faded from his memory. It was the one hushed and horrible night, when dread things had been happening that he could not understand, when a big man with gold eye-glasses, who smelled of some curious sickish-sweet perfume, came and took him by the hand and led him into a room where his father lay in bed, very gray and quiet.

The white hand on the coverlet had beckoned to him and he had gone close up to the bed, standing very straight, his heart beating fast and hard.

"John!" the word had been almost a whisper, very tense and anxious, very distinct. "John, you're a little boy, and father is going away."

"To—Wishing-House?"

The gray lips had smiled then, ever so little, and sadly. "No, John."

"Take me with you, father! Take me with you!"

His voice had trembled then, and he had had to gulp hard.

"Listen, John, for what I am saying is very important. You don't know what I mean now, but sometime you will." The whisper had grown strained and frayed, but it was still distinct. "I can't go to the Never-Never Land. But you may sometimes. If you . . . if you and if you find Wishing-House, remember that the men who live in it . . . before you and me . . . were gentlemen. Whatever else they were, they were always that. Be . . . like them, John. . . . will you?"

"Yes, father."

The old gentleman with the eye-glasses had come forward then, hastily.

"Good-night, father—"

He had wanted to kiss him, but a strange cool bush had settled on the room and his father seemed all at once to have fallen asleep. And he had gone out, so carefully, on tiptoe, wondering, and suddenly afraid.

Rare Works of Art Stolen.

Twenty-five thousand dollars worth of art were stolen from the church of San Massimo, Padua, Italy, recently. Early in the morning, the thief broke into the church and carried off two magnificent paintings by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo. The pictures hung in the side chapels on either side of the high altar, and were wrenches from their frames in such a hurry that portions of the canvas were left on the frames.

How They Get Them.

Miss Gotrox was wearing a diamond spangle around her neck. "What is that?" asked the young man. "That?" she replied; "oh, that's only a doo dad." "A doo dad? Why do you call it that?" The cynic spoke up. "That's how they get 'em," he explained.

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